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# BELIEF GROWING COAL STRIKE WILL BE POSTPONED HEADS OF MINER ORGANIZATIONS TO CONFER TODAY SENATE OVERRIDES DRY ENFORCEMENT BILL

## **CONGRESS GREETS** SPEECHES OF KING WITH FNTHUSIASM

Both Houses Give Soldier-Ruler of Belgium Warm Welcome.

EARNESTNESS OF ALBERT'S ADDRESSES ARE EVIDENT

Gives American Army Credit for Assuring Victory in Great Conflict.

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Secretary Baker Pins Decoration on Breast of Royal Visitor at President's Direction.

houses of Congress paused in their Belgians, his consort and their son, ation gave a cordial welcome to the democratic, soldier ruler of Europe's plucklest little state.

appeared in the executive gallery with the wife of Vice-President Marshall and attended by Countess de Caraman Chimay, her lady-in-waiting. Staid members of the upper house forgot their dignity in their admiration for the little woman who had followed her husband through the trenches in Belgium. Praise for Plucky Ruler.

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The King was escorted to a seat beside Senator Cummins, who was presiding as president pro tempore, and who greeted him with high praise for his moral courage and his gallantry on the field. Prince Leopold was seated at his father's right. Albert was interrupted more than once by applause during his brief address and there was another demonstration of approval when he had finished. Later, he and his son met the Senators individually. Scene in the House.

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The scene in the House was a repetition of that in the Senate. On the floor were the children of many of the members, and their cheers were as enthusiastic as those of their fathers. The King was sighted before his coming had been heralded and the House and galleries rose to greet him. There was another burst of applause when he was introduced and an even louder one when he had finished.

King Albert was the central figure later in the day in a ceremony more picturesque, if less important than his visit to the Capitol. It was enacted in the drawing-room of the home of Breckinridge Long, where he is a guest, when Secretary of War Baker pinned upon his breast, by direction of President Wilson, the American Distinguished Service Medal.

The King, Queen and their son were the guests at dinner tonight of Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall.

Make Call on Mrs. Wilson. The first event of the day for the soyal Belgians was a fisit to the White House, where they were received informally by Mrs. Wilson, who chatted with them nearly half an hour. Miss Margaret Wilson was at the Long residence to greet them when they returned. During the day both the King and Queen received many visitors.

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Big Five Are Said to Hold \$750,000 Interest in New York's

SHIP FREIGHT BY SEAPLANE FROM NEW YORK TO CUBA

Senator Thomas Martin Spends Restless Day

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Oct.
28.—Senator Martin today passed
the most unsatisfactory day since
the severe attack of Wednesday
last, which left him in a very
weakened condition. While his appetite kept up, he was uncomfortable and restless throughout the
day. able and restless throughout aday.

The only visitor allowed to enter the sickroom was Judge John W. Fishburne, of the Circuit Court, who brought a box of grapes of a variety especially liked by the Senator.

Frank J. Merkling, the Senator's private secretary, returned from Washington tonight.

### SLEUTHS UNEARTH PLOT TO KIDNAP EDSEL FORD

Toledo, Ohio, Detectives Round Up Four Men in Rooming House on Charges.

SON DECLARES IT JOKE

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 28.—A plot to cidnap Edsel Ford, son of Henry Ford. the automobile manufacturer, and hold him for \$200,000 ransom, was revealed

Joseph Fisher, San Francisco, and Cameron, both of New York, According

his escape.

None of the men has admitted com-plicity in the plot thus far, and the police are checking up the details of Gray's story.

"THAT'S BEST JOKE YET,"
SAYS FORD WHEN TOLD. DETROIT, MICH., Oct. 28.—"Say, that's the best joke I've heard in a long time." said Edsel Ford, secretary of the motor company, when told of the discovery of a plot to kidnap him.

"Are you sure I'm the person they were after?" he asked.

He was assured that there seemed to be no mistake in that respect.

"I'm a pretty good-sized baby to be kidnaped," he added. "They might have had some trouble doing it."

### ASTOR SPURNS TITLE FATHER SPENT SMALL FORTUNE TO OBTAIN

Prefers Work in Ministry of Health Where He Is Keenly Interested.

LONDON. Oct. 23—Major Waldorf Astor has done everything in his power to rid himself of the title which his father gave up everything to get.

Since the death of his father, the first Viscount Astor, which automatically raised the major to the peerage and gave him a seat in the House of Lords, the heir has consuited the best legal talent to see if he might pass along the title, it being suggested that Bobby Shaw, Lady Astor's boy from her first husband, Robert Gould Shaw, be given the peerage. Major Astor is still consulting officers of the crown on the subject, but there seems to be no way of avoiding the heritage of nobility.

Major Astor's object has been to remain in the House of Commons, where he hoped to attain distinction, of which he gave great promise. He also desires to continue his work in the ministry of health, where no public man in Britain has shown such enthusiastic interest in the application of scientific sanitation as he has, and this is work of vital importance to the country.

SAY PACKERS OWN HOTELS

Big Five Are Said to Hold \$750,000 Interest in New York's Hostelries.

Fountain Pens Valued at \$100,000 Made

Up First Cargo Shipped
Tuesday.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The inauguration of an aerial freight service here
loay when a seaplane, carrying that the big Chicago packers had invested large sums in the stock of large held companies, especially in the Interestate Commerce Conday when a seaplane, carrying the letters went into the record over the Stops will be made en route at Atlantic City, Norfolk, Wilmington, N. C.; Charleston, S. C.; Savannah, Ga.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Miami, and Key West.

At each of these cities a gold foundary pensioned to the flayor and a silver one to the president of the local Rotary Club. The eaplane was pilloted by James Farniam and Robert Hewitt, former milligary avalators, and carried three passengers.

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Stops Sale of Beverages Having First Session of International President Lewis Declares There Over One-Half Per Cent Alcohol Content.

Annulled With Ratification of Peace Treaty.

[By Associated Press.]
WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—The Senate for preventing sale of beverages con-

taining more than one-half of 1 per The vote was 65 to 20, or eight more than the necessary two-thirds majority. While there das a wrangle 'I'm Pretty Good-Sized Baby to Be over taking up the measure in place Kidnaped, and They Might Have of the peace treaty, which had the Some Trouble Doing It," He Declares in Interview.

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right of way, there never was doubt as to how the Senate stood. It was overwhelmingly "dry" like the House, which erpassed the bill within three hours after the President had vetoed it.

Before Congress, at 3:40 o'clock, finally clinched enactment of the enforcement law, despite presidential objection to linking war-time and constitutional prohibition acts, there came from the White House the announcement that the war-time law—which was put into effect after the cessation of hostilities—would be annulled the moment the Senate formally ratified the German peace treaty.

Definite Statement Made. It was the most definite of all of-icial or semi-official statements bear-ing on the war-time act. Prohibition eaders were plainly disturbed by the news, for they had counted firmly upon the country reaching the effective date of constitutional prohibition—January 16, 1920—without reopening the sa-loons.

attered by the fact that President Wilson was prepared to cut through legal doubt and wipe out a law, the necessity for which he believes to have passed.

With today's action by the Senate, the Department of Justice is ready to deal with any offenders against the drastic provisions of the new act. At best heretofore prosecutions were more of less haphazard, and necessarily so, it was said, because of the loosely drawn language of the act, but the new law gives ample means of breaking up the traffic.

So drastic is the enforcement act that a man, for instance, may be fined for put in jail for displaying a picture of a brewery, or a keg, but his right to store liquor in his own home for his own use stood up against all attacks in the committee and both houses of Congress.

Warning went out tonight to dealers selling 2 3-4 per cent beer, without apparent risk heretofore, that the new law fixed one-half of 1 per cent as the legal limit of alcoholic content.

FARMERS CONCRESS DIEDOES

**FARMERS CONGRESS PLEDGES** TO COMBAT RADICAL GANG

Promises to Enforce Strict Obedience to Law of Those Who Would Wreck Government. [By Associated Press.]

HAGERSTOWN, MD., Oct. 28.—
Activities of political agitators and labor leaders of the "unscrupulous" sort, were denounced as a menace to the political and economic security of the nation, by speakers at the opening session here today of the thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Farmers' National Congress. National Congress.

The need of an effective assertion of "100 per cent" Americanism by the farmers of the country in combating the attempt of radical elements to undermine the relitions in the country in combating the stempt of radical elements to undermine the political institutions of the country, was impressed upon the more than 1.500 farmer delegates, rep-resenting all sections of the country, who attended the opening session of the congress. who attended the opening session of the congress.

Responding to the sentiment of its speakers, the congress, by unanimous resolution, pledged its "steadfast" support of the government in the strict enforcement of law and order in combating "certain radical elements that would vitiate the fundamental principles of the government and tear down its institutions." To prevent the spread of anarchistic and radical theories, the resolution asserted "the conservatism of the American farmer must be eternally on guard."

ARE MAROONED IN PARIS

Thousands of Americans Unable to Get

## WORLD CONFERENCE ORDER TO WALK OUT BY 65-TO-20 POLL WILL BEGIN TODAY NOVEMBER 1 STANDS

Labor Delegates to Convene in Capital.

WILL BE BRIEF WET ERA EXPECT TO MEET ONE MONTH CONSIDER

War-Time Prohibition Will Be Effort Will Be Made to Lay Leaders Assert That Since War Foundation for Standard-

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 .- The first of passed the prohibition enforcement act the international bodies created by the over the President's veto today, and treaty of Versailles to meet in Amermade immediately effective machinery ica, the international labor conference, will convene at noon tomorrow in tically a month and to lay the foun-

should proceed to organize some sort of a conference and discuss the agenda prescribed in the peace treaty.

Secretary of Labor Wilson still holds in view that only those states which have ratified the treaty can participate in the official conference, which is a part of the machinery of the league of nations. A plan, however, has been proposed which is expected to reconcile technical legality with the practical necessity of holding the conference at this time without postponement.

United States as Organizer.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 28.—Investigation of the kidnaping of William O. Jenkins, United States consular agent at Puebla, took a sensational turn tonight, when Eduardo Mestre, Jenkins' attorney, was arrested and the charge was made by officials of the Pueblo State government that Jenkins was not really kidnaped, and that the whole thing was merely a plan to collect money and aid the rebels in their machinations against the government. This charge was warmly resented by George T. Summerlin, charge d'ifaires at the American embassy, who declared that United States consular and diplomatic agents are responsible persons, none of whom would consent to become parties to such a plot. Appointments to such posts, he added, are made only after careful investigation. The charges against Mr. Jenkins, he declared to be absolutely without

May Call Colonel House.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—There is a strong probability that Colonel House will be examined by the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate regarding some of the intimate details of the peace treaty, which he, as President Wilson's confidential adviser, helped to formulate at Paris. Senator Lodge, chairman of the committee, has sent a letter to Colonel House asking him when it would be possible for him to appear and testify.

### Says Business Aimed Blow Between Eyes of Labor

[By Associated Press.]
WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—Thousands of organized workers of the District of Columbia, who paraded down Pennsylvania Avenue tonight in honor of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, later heard the veteran labor leader assert that "hig business" definitely had determined "to give labor, because of its growing strength, a blow between the eyes."

The ntillude of the United States [By Associated Press.] The ntititude of the United States Steel Corporation toward the ateel workers' unions, he added, was only one manifestation of this determination on the part of industry.

Mr. Gompers said that while at the beginning of the steel strike, he considered it "untimely," since learning of the plans of the steel companies in common with all large employers, he had changed his mind and now the steel strikers had his utmost symmathy. As evidence of utmost sympathy. As evidence of this sympathetic attitude, he ap-pealed to the District of Columbia workers to contribute to the sup-pert of the strikers.

Has Been No Change in Situation.

Is Ended It Does Not

Apply.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 28.-With "no hange in the situation," reported at grimly tonight for a momentous con district presidents John L. Lewis, acting president of the organization, arrived ate today from his home in Springfield, Ill., but had little to add to sentiments he has already expressed concerning the general strike planned to take effect in bituminous mines Novem-

The condemnation of the proposed walkout by President Wilson and his suggestion that a tribunal be appointed to find a basis of settlement of the disagreement between workers and employers with coal production continuing meanwhile, held no charms for the union leaders.

Claim Emergency Ended.

Echoing the point made by William Green, secretary-treasurer of the organization, Mr. Lewis said that the national executive's idea that the need for war-time prohibition had passed because the emergency had ended, expressed exactly the union's attitude toward its war-time contract.

"There is no further use for wartime prohibition, according to the President," said Mr. Lewis. "Neither in there further use, for the war-time Washington wage agreement. We therefore resent the imputation that the strike is illegal."

The suggestion that work be continued pending appointment and report of an investigating tribunal was denominated by Mr. Lewis a measure of delay.

"That would mean months of wait."

Think Reply Will Be Prompt.

Secretary Green and such members of the executive board as had reached here tonight were unanimous in declaring that they stood ready "as before to negotiate a wage scale without reservations." They emphasized the employers would not negotiate except on conditions which the union men were powerless to fulfill.

Authoritative forecasts of the action to be taken tomorrow were almost totally lacking. There was a well-defined impression, however, that a reply to President Wilson would be outlined, at least, if not fully drafted and adopted by the conference as a whole. Much doubt was in evidence as to postpone or otherwise modify the strike order, and if that doubt is not resolved the big walkout will take place Friday midnight.

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### SPEECHES AND SONGS ARE OFFERED IN FOUR LANGUAGES International Congress of Working Women Attended by Eleven Different Nations.

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By Associated Press. 1

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—Porters on the passenger trains of the principal lines of the South have presented a petition to the railroad administration for a general increase in wages of not less than 65 per cent. The porters claim in the pottition that every class of trainmen except porters have been granted increases, and that their wages of less than 375 per monta is not enough for them to live on.

The railroads affected are in Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line, Chesapeake and Ohio, the Richmond, Predericksburg and Potomac and theory southern.

Disorders.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Oct. 28.—The south as a Blow With 81 Degrees Fahrenheit Force.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The hottest, on the strike of street carmen were augmented to soldlers from Camp Gordon, under Major-General E. M. Lowis, who took charge of the situation. There were no other developments during the day. And the city is quiet tonight.

Unions began today to vote on a general increase in wages of less than 375 per monta is not enough for them to live on.

The railroads affected are the Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line, Chesapeake and Ohio, the Richmond, Predericksburg and Potomac and the officences with the superintend constrible of the Loray Mills, one of the largest textile plants in the South, walked out on strike this morning, due, it is said, to differences with the superintend constribution has been made, the department announced, and no evidence of said.

Predericksburg and Potomac and the object of the State Department of Mines. A thorough investigation has been made, the department announced, and no evidence of said.

Says Mine Operators Must Prevent Calamity

the United Mine Workers said;

"If the President had not assured the mine owners that the government would prevent the strike, we would be in position to settle the trouble before it begins. And the only way the strike will be called on is through negotiations with the mine operators. Washington must bring pressure on the operators if it would prevent this calamity. So far as we are concerned, is we are done.

"I am not saying whether I can or whether I cannor call off the strike now that it has been ordered. The question is not what I can do but what I will do. And, so far as I am concerned, the soft coal workers will quit Friday at midnight."

Washington Reports Indicate Requests for Increases Will Be Refused.

PRINCIPAL ISSUE

Railroad Workers Seek Time and a Half for Extra Hours as Punitive Measure to Force Curtailment of Working Periods.

[By Associated Press.]
WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—President W. G. Lee and the general committee of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will confer tomorrow with Di-

Think Refusal Certain.

Fourteen Are Known to Have Died in Great Lakes Accident.

Different Nationa.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Speeches in four four languages, and songs in sa many more, constituted the opening session today of the first international Consequence of a formal exchange of the services of a formal exchange of greating and worst in the surface of a formal exchange of greating and worst in the surface of a formal exchange of greating and halled if the gathering together of a corpular of many similar ones to forecumer of many similar ones to see the surface of the

Men From Camp Gordon Placed or Guard to Prevent Strike Disorders.

At Two-Hour Meeting It Plans Steps to Protect Public.

DETAILS ARE WITHHELD PENDING DEVELOPMENTS

Mine Workers' Scale Committee and District Presidents Meet Today to Consider Action.

SITUATION IS NOT HOPELESS

Government Officials Hope for Best, but Prepare for Worst, in Coal Strike.

WASHINGTON, Oct. deal with the soft coal strike, in event the miners, ignoring President Wilson's command to stay on the job. walkout Friday night, was definitely agreed upon today at a two-hour meet ing of the Cabinet. The plan of action was not disclosed.

but it is known that the Cabinet stood as one man for protection of the of the public which would suffe

Are Making Quick Census.

Meanwhile, government agents were taking a quick census and trying to find out how long the stocks on hand might last. In the absence of an authoritative statement stock reports were conflicting, but it was said that union estimates of enough to supply demands for thirty days was not far wrong. demands for thirty days was not far wrong.

"The government is ready for the worst, but is hoping the worst will, not happen, firm in the belief that the miners will respond patriotically to the President's appeal and keep the mines running while negotiating a new wage agreement," was the summing up tonight of a government official in touch with the situation. "Everything depends on what is done at Indianapolis."

Heat Wave Hits American Metropolla a Blow With 81 Degrees Fahrenhelt Force.